

OGDEN HILLCREST UMC
Drive In Easter Worship
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WORDS OF GREETING: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

OPENING PRAYER:

Creator of Life, in raising Christ Jesus up, through, out of, and beyond the chains of death, you opened for us the way to eternal and abundant life. May our Alleluias on this day float high above the clouds, above what we think we know, and transcend to the heavens above—and thus live out into eternity.

Raise us up, we pray! Renew our lives! Resurrect our dreams! Through Jesus Christ our Living Savior, Amen.

HYMN: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us, that your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18

HYMN: *He Lives*

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer and just the time I need Him He's always near.

*He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me, along life's narrow way. He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care and though my heart grows weary I never will despair. I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast. The day of His appearing will come at last.*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King. The Hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find none other is so loving, so good and kind.*

SERMON: "What's in It for Me?" Rev. Joyce Allen

EASTER PRAYER

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN:

Up From the Grave He Arose

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose a Victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! (He arose) He arose! (He arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!*

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

UNISON BENEDICTION

We thank You, Lord, for re-igniting the flame of hope within us, for filling our hearts with light and evicting the darkness, and for giving a new vision of your glory. We go now, as light-bearers to a world in darkness, as hope-carriers to a world in despair.

We go in the name of Christ, in the love of God, and in the power of the Spirit. Amen.